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1. International Patent No. WO 01/94293 A2 (RYONO, DENIS E.) 13 December 2001 (2001-12-13).
2. International Patent No. WO 00/39077 (HANGELAND, JON, ET AL.) 6 July 2000 (2000-07-06).
3. International Patent No. WO 02/09413 A1 (OHNOTA, HIDEKI, ET AL.) 28 November 2002 (2002-11-28), discloses thyroid hormone receptor agonists that inhibit expression of liver estrogen sulfotransferase.
4. J. MARCH: CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS, Vol. 57, No. 7, Page 2493, 1 October 1962.

Applicants submit that copies of the above-cited references are enclosed herewith.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a discussion with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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